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Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-307

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: December 21, 2005

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 022

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Wednesday, January 4, 2006**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, January 19, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from March 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

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| Dried Cherries | 8/2 lb. | 92,400 cases |
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Please Note:

- The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2005 or later crop year.
- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.
- All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.
- No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.
- On "BKLYN/CEN ISLIP NY" destinations, shippers are instructed to call the contact person on the Notice to Deliver first prior to making an appointment, so that they can be directed to which warehouse they will ship the product.



- Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.

Note: Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is <http://orca.bpn.gov>. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm>

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 2004 or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-307, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307
 INVITATION : 022
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
 COMM TYPE : 70 CHERRIES, DRIED
 PACK SIZE : 10 8/2 LB

| ITEM NO | DESTINATION CITY | ST | TRANS RESTR | QUANTITY (CSE) | PRICE PER (CSE) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| DELIVERY PERIOD 03/01/06 - 03/15/06 | | | | | |
| 001 | BOSTON | MA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | _____ |
| 002 | BRONX | NY | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | _____ ** |
| 003 | BARRE | VT | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | _____ |
| | CRANSTON | RI | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | _____ |
| 004 | NEWPORT NEWS | VA | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | _____ |
| | NORFOLK | VA | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | _____ |
| 005 | ORLANDO | FL | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | _____ |
| | PACE | FL | TRUCK ONLY | 462 | _____ |
| | TALLAHASSEE | FL | TRUCK ONLY | 462 | _____ |
| 006 | FLORIDA CITY | FL | TRUCK ONLY | 1,049 | _____ |
| | WINTER HAVEN | FL | | 799 | _____ |
| 007 | ATLANTA | GA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | _____ |
| 008 | JACKSON | MS | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | _____ |
| 009 | CHICAGO | IL | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | _____ |
| 010 | SPRINGFIELD | IL | TRUCK ONLY | 463 | _____ |
| | ST CHARLES | IL | TRUCK ONLY | 1,385 | _____ |
| 011 | TOLEDO | OH | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | _____ |
| 012 | OKLAHOMA CITY | OK | TRUCK ONLY | 1,108 | _____ |
| | TULSA | OK | TRUCK ONLY | 740 | _____ |
| 013 | MCALLEN | TX | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | _____ |

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| 014 | FARGO | ND | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | |
| | HELENA | MT | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | |
| 015 | LINCOLN | NE | | 924 | |
| | SIOUX FALLS | SD | | 924 | |
| 016 | MILLS | WY | TRUCK ONLY | 462 | |
| | SALT LAKE CITY | UT | TRUCK ONLY | 1,386 | |
| 017 | SURPRISE | AZ | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | |
| 018 | BELL | CA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | |
| 019 | LONG BEACH | CA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | |
| 020 | SAN DIEGO | CA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | |
| 021 | PORTLAND | OR | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | |

DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/06 - 03/31/06

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|-----|-----------------|----|------------|-------|--|
| 022 | AUGUSTA | ME | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | |
| | CONCORD | NH | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | |
| 023 | SALEM | VA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,386 | |
| | VERONA | VA | TRUCK ONLY | 462 | |
| 024 | RUSSELL SPRINGS | KY | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | |
| 025 | INDIANAPOLIS | IN | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | |

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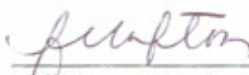
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| DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/06 - 03/31/06 | | | | | |
| 026 | DARIEN | WI | TRUCK ONLY | 717 | |
| | EAU CLAIRE | WI | | 665 | |
| | MILWAUKEE | WI | TRUCK ONLY | 466 | |
| 027 | LITTLE ROCK | AR | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | |
| DELIVERY PERIOD 04/01/06 - 04/15/06 | | | | | |
| 028 | BALTIMORE | MD | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | |
| 029 | HILLSIDE | NJ | TRUCK ONLY | 1,050 | |
| | VINELAND | NJ | | 798 | |
| 030 | NORTH MIAMI | FL | TRUCK ONLY | 1,023 | |
| | WINTER HAVEN | FL | | 825 | |
| 031 | CREEDMOOR | NC | TRUCK ONLY | 1,201 | |
| | SALISBURY | NC | TRUCK ONLY | 647 | |
| 032 | GRAY | TN | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | |
| | NASHVILLE | TN | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | |
| 033 | COMSTOCK PARK | MI | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | |
| | WARREN | MI | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | |
| 034 | FORT WORTH | TX | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | |
| 035 | OLYMPIA | WA | TRUCK ONLY | 3,696 | |

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| DELIVERY PERIOD 04/16/06 - 04/30/06 | | | | | |
| 036 | BLOOMFIELD | CT | TRUCK ONLY | 500 | |
| | EAST HAVEN | CT | TRUCK ONLY | 1,348 | |
| 037 | BRONX | NY | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | ** |
| 038 | ODESSA | TX | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | |
| 039 | BELL | CA | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | |
| | SAN BERNARDINO | CA | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | |
| DELIVERY PERIOD 05/01/06 - 05/15/06 | | | | | |
| 040 | ALTOONA | PA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | |
| 041 | ALTOONA | PA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,386 | |
| | WILKES-BARRE | PA | TRUCK ONLY | 462 | |
| 042 | PHILADELPHIA | PA | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | |
| | SUNBURY | PA | TRUCK ONLY | 924 | |
| 043 | FAIRFIELD | OH | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | |
| 044 | LOS ANGELES | CA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | |
| DELIVERY PERIOD 05/16/06 - 05/31/06 | | | | | |
| 045 | MAPLEWOOD | MN | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | |
| DELIVERY PERIOD 06/01/06 - 06/15/06 | | | | | |
| 046 | ALEXANDRIA | LA | TRUCK ONLY | 554 | |
| | BATON ROUGE | LA | TRUCK ONLY | 333 | |
| | NEW ORLEANS | LA | TRUCK ONLY | 961 | |
| 047 | CORPUS CHRISTI | TX | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | |

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| 048 | LOS ANGELES | CA | TRUCK ONLY | 1,848 | _____ |
| DELIVERY PERIOD 06/16/06 - 06/30/06 | | | | | |
| 049 | CREEDMOOR | NC | TRUCK ONLY | 1,201 | |
| | SALISBURY | NC | TRUCK ONLY | 647 | _____ |
| TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE | | | | 92,400 | |
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